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SUBJECT: QUDDUS SOFT-PEDALS UNITY

IHSAN ABDEL QUDDUS IN AUGUST 11 AKHBAR AL-YAWM REVIEWS LIBYAN/EGYPTIAN UNITY ISSUE. HE BEGINS WITH STATEMENT THAT UNION CANNOT BE FORGED BY PERSONALITIES, OR REALITY IMPOSED FROM ABOVE BY ROMANTIC SLOGANS. THIS, HE SAYS, IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIBYAN AND EGYPTIAN REVOLUTIONS. HE STATES LIBYA'S REVOLUTION IS STILL 20 YEARS BEHIND EGYPT'S, WHICH HAS MATURED THROUGH EXPERIENCE. QUDDUS REVIEWS VARIOUS UNITY EXPERIMENTS WHICH EGYPT HAS PASSED THROUGH: EGYPT/SUDAN; EGYPT/SYRIA; EGYPT/LIBYA/SUDAN (OF 1970); AND THE CAR.

QUDDUS SAYS THE FIFTH EXPERIMENT BEGAN WITH LIBYA'S DEMAND FOR MERGER WITH EGYPT. HE NOTES DIFFERENCES BROKE OUT WHICH WERE AIRED BY QADHAafi'S STATEMENTS AND CARRIED BY FOREIGN MEDIA. THIS IS NOT EGYPT'S WAY, WHICH IS TO DEAL RESPONSIBLY WITH ISSUES WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND NOT IN PRESS.

QUDDUS STATES THAT UNION CANNOT BE ACHIEVED MERELY BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROCLAMATION OF A CONSTITUTION; IT CAN ONLY COME ABOUT

THROUGH "REAL DEALINGS." HE NOTES THAT WHEN DRAFT
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MERGER STATE WAS PRINTED IN TRIPOLI,
TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS WERE DELETED. HE CONCLUDES
THAT IF LIBYAN REVOLUTION IS STILL 20 YEARS BEHIND THAT
OF EGYPT, IT SHOULD BEGIN UNITY ALONG LINES OF EARLIER
EGYPTIAN/SUDANESE EXPERIMENT.
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